

Interim Commission on Affordable Health Care Plans Senate File 573

Last Action:

Senate Floor

April 3, 2007

Executive Summary Only

An Act creating an interim commission on affordable health care plans for small businesses and families and a health care data research advisory council, and providing an effective date.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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INTERIM COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE
HEALTH CARE PLANS**

INTERIM COMMISSION

- Creates a 24-member Interim Commission with staffing assistance from the Legislative Services Agency, including 10 members of the General Assembly, 12 members from the public, and two ex-officio members that are State agency directors. Responsibilities of the Interim Commission are to review, analyze, and make recommendations on issues relating to the affordability of health care for Iowa families and small businesses. Legislators and consumer members of the Commission are eligible for per diem and reimbursement of actual costs.

**HEALTH CARE DATA RESEARCH
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

- Establishes a Health Care Data Research Advisory Council to assist the Interim Commission in implementing the Commission's duties by conducting research, providing research data and analysis, and providing expertise. Members of the Council include representatives of the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Public Health at the University of Iowa; Des Moines University; Drake University College of Pharmacy; and Mercy College of Health Sciences.

REQUIRED REPORT

- Requires the Interim Commission to submit a final report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2007, summarizing the Commission's activities, analyzing the issues studied, and making recommendations for legislative consideration regarding affordability of health care for Iowans.

FUNDING

- Funding of \$500,000 for the activities of the Commission and the Council is appropriated from the Health Care Trust Fund in the FY 2008 Health and Human Resources Appropriation Bill.

NOTE: Senate File 128 (Cigarette/Tobacco Tax Bill) establishes the Health Care Trust Fund. Senate File 128 was signed by the Governor on March 15, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

- Senate File 573 takes effect upon enactment.